



## United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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Harry T. Edwards announced today that he will relinquish his position as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in mid-July. Judge Edwards, who has been a member of the D.C. Circuit since 1980 and has served as Chief Judge since September 15, 1994, will be succeeded as Chief Judge by Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg. Judge Stephen F. Williams, who was next in line to succeed Edwards, has declined the Chief Judge's position.

Judge Edwards' term as Chief Judge was scheduled to run until September 15, 2001, but he elected to step down early to give his successor time to prepare for the upcoming court term. During his stint as Chief, Judge Edwards directed numerous automation initiatives at the Court of Appeals, oversaw a complete reorganization of the Clerk's Office, implemented case management systems that have substantially reduced the court's backlog of cases, successfully pursued congressional support for the construction of a new annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse, presided over the court's hearings in *United States v. Microsoft*, and received high praise from the bench and bar for fostering collegial relations among the members of the D.C. Circuit. After stepping down, Judge Edwards will continue as an active member of the Court of Appeals.

Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, who will succeed Judge Edwards as Chief Judge, joined the D.C. Circuit in November 1986. Following law school, Judge Ginsburg clerked for Judge Carl McGowan of the D.C. Circuit and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. From 1975 to 1983, he was a professor at Harvard Law School. He then served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Regulatory Affairs in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, from 1983 to 1984, Administrator, Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and the Budget, from 1984 to 1985, and Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1985 to 1986.

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